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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Adams County

In January 2012 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant **Consuelo C. Garcia** (VB60164007). Garcia accessed a patient's medical records without need or authorization, and disclosed it to a third party without the patient's authorization in an attempt to demean or injure the patient.

Benton County

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Denelle R. Pepin-Donat** (RN00145692). Pepin-Donat self-reported she's addicted to Tramadol, a legend drug, and uses marijuana.

Clallam County

In January 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program suspended the credential of **William Sarna** (CP00006278). Sarna failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

Clark County

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Lisel N. Ham** (RN00124453). Ham's license to practice nursing in Oregon was suspended.

Island County

In January 2012 the Medical Commission revoked the license of physician **Donald Russell Johnson** (MC00038058). Russell closed his dermatology offices in Anacortes and Coupeville due to financial problems in July 2011. He pleaded guilty in February 2012 to domestic violence and violating a restraining order. Johnson was killed in a vehicle collision on February 12.

In January 2012 the Pharmacy Board summarily suspended the license of pharmacist **Wendy S. Young**, also known as Wendy S. Young-Guffey (PH00070944). Young's license to practice pharmacy in Missouri was revoked; she remains prohibited from practicing in that state. Young has 20 days to contest the suspension.

King County

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Devon L. Duff**, also known as Devon L. Burlingame (NC10059114). Duff was convicted of third degree assault in 2011.

In January 2012 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the license of pharmacist **Craig M. Goodmanson** (PH00013643). Goodmanson failed to properly supervise ancillary pharmacy staff while Goodmanson was the responsible pharmacy manager. Goodmanson allowed the pharmacy to operate beyond the required one pharmacist to three technicians' ratio.

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Gus Ernie Hayes** (NC10013627). Hayes was convicted of violation of no contact order in 2010. He also entered into deferred prosecution for charges of fourth degree assault and third degree malicious mischief—resisting arrest, both in 2010.

In January 2012 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant **Molly J. Humble** (VB00070841). Humble diverted controlled substances and stole various items from her place of employment.

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Samuel Sarvis** (RN00176573). Sarvis documented he provided in-home care to multiple patients, but didn't actually provide the care..

In January 2012 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Eric L. Wilson** (VA00049888). Wilson diverted drugs for his own use and used synthetic urine during a urinalysis.

Kitsap County

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Joshua R. Miller** (NC10060789). Miller was convicted of telephone harassment — domestic violence in 2009.

Okanogan County

In January 2012 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Kelly J. Anderson** (VA00066204). Anderson diverted 2,000 tablets of Oxycodone from her place of employment.

Pierce County

In December 2011 the Osteopathic Board of Medicine and Surgery summarily suspended the license of **Louis W. Brittingham, Jr.** (OP00000920). Brittingham surrendered his license to practice as an osteopathic physician and surgeon in Iowa; he remains prohibited from practicing in that state. Brittingham has twenty days to contest the suspension.

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Tina M. Ponton** (LP00054570). Ponton withdrew controlled substances, and failed to administer, waste, or document administration, and wastage. She was also charged with driving under the influence in 2010.

In January 2012 the Pharmacy Board suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Kori A. Tainter** (VA00045433). Tainter attempted to divert controlled substances, and without authorization modified the prescription information for a patient to allow for unlimited refills of a legend drug.

Snohomish County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the license of certified nursing assistant **Josephine Karangan** (NC10056110). Karangan physically and mentally abused two vulnerable adult patients on more than one occasion. The Department of Social and Health Services also entered a notice of final finding that Karangan abused the two patients.

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Robin K. Stake** (RN00089693). Stake failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs indefinitely suspended the credentials of registered nursing assistant and health care assistant **Lacey Renee Standley** (NA60079452, HC60111183). Standley submitted a prescription under a physician's name for a family member without the physician's knowledge or authorization. She also entered into a diversion program for the charge of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or forged prescription.

Spokane County

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Brittney R. Mukulich** (NA60154536). Mukulich administered medication without being delegated to do so, and tested positive for amphetamines and morphine during a urinalysis.

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Collee J. Wright** (LP00054569). Wright diverted oxycontin from her place of employment, and tested positive for marijuana during a urinalysis.

Thurston County

In January 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Deborah Kendrick** (NA00193662). Kendrick yelled profanities at a vulnerable patient on multiple occasions. Kendrick also forced the patient to clean the bathroom, and locked the patient in the bathroom for an extended period of time, causing emotional distress.

Out of State

Oklahoma: In February 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Heather K. Pemberton** (RN60023461). Pemberton surrendered her license to practice nursing in Arizona.

Oregon: In January 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the licenses of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Maya G. Emshwiller** (RN00170305, AP30008010-PSYC). Emshwiller surrendered her Oregon nurse license and Oregon nurse practitioner certification.

Oregon: In January 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of **Susan I. Pryce** (RN00074680). Pryce failed to comply with a previous agreed order.

Pennsylvania: In January 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Karen S. Remsing** (RN00122593). Remsing was arrested for driving under the influence in 2008 and she tested positive for controlled substances during a blood draw analysis. She also tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis in 2010.

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